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DILLON - The Bureau of Land Management, Dillon Field Office is proposing to reconstruct the South Madison Recreation Area and is asking the public to comment on the proposal. The area consists of Palisades's Day Use Area and Campground located approximately 27 miles south of Ennis off U.S. Highway 287. The proposal includes upgrades and improvements at the recreation area, which was originally constructed in 1966.

Proposed improvements at the day use area include a larger boat ramp, additional parking, road reconditioning, and the relocation of picnic sites. Redevelopment at the campground would include campground reconfiguration, new tables and fire rings, and improved parking and camping pads at each campsite. Both sites would be served by a new submersible pump well water system. The water system and some minor fencing alterations would also be done to reduce impacts from livestock use in the river corridor.

Project goals are to upgrade the facilities to better serve recreational users at the site. Current facilities are aging, and the new well would bring the site water system up to current water quality standards. Overall, the project would incorporate measures designed to better protect natural and cultural resources at the site, and prevent further spread of noxious weeds in the area.

An environmental assessment will be prepared for the proposed project this winter. A second phase of development that would include limited additional camping will also be addressed in the analysis. Dates for construction to begin will depend on funding.

If you would like more information, please contact Rick Waldrup, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (406) 683-8020. Written comments to be considered in the analysis should be submitted no later than January 16, 2004 to the Bureau of Land Management, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT, 59725.

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